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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000. PAID UP CAPITAL £689,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 29, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Bills and Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum. " 3 " 3 " On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$1.50 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,165,062.50
RESERVE FUND \$5,482,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$8,165,062.50
PROPRIETORS \$8,165,062.50

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Hongkong.—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.
MANAGER
Shanghai.—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 5 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Grants granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 363

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

CHIMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841)

Wholesale and Retail Druggists
ANALYTICAL,
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WATERS
BY STEAM MACHINERY.

THIS being THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of our Firm, and THE JUBILEE YEAR
of the Colony, "THE HONGKONG DISPEN-
SARY having been Established A.D. 1841," we
take the opportunity of thanking our
friends for their support during the last 50
years, and tender them the assurance of our
best services in the future as in the past.

We shall continue to import Drugs,
Chemicals, and Goods of every kind, of
the BEST QUALITY ONLY as heretofore, at
prices that will be found to compare favour-
ably with local rates, and in many instances
with those ruling at home.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI,
24, Nankin Road.

BOTICA INGLEZA, MANILA,
Escolta, 14.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,
Canal Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FUOCHOW.

THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
21st January, 1891. 189

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for the
Post of CLERK and INTERPRETER in the
Botanical and Aforestation Department
will be held on THURSDAY, the 5th
February, at 2.30 p.m. in the COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, Government Offices.

Duties.—To take charge of the general
office work of the Department and to
interpret and translate English and
Chinese, the Punti and Hakka dialects of the latter.

Qualifications.—Accuracy and quickness
in accounts and handwriting, some
knowledge of book-keeping and efficiency
in interpretation and translation.

Salary.—\$240 per annum.

The Examination will be held in accordance
with the Regulations made by the Governor in Council, and published in the
Government Gazette No. 2 of 1883.

Applications, with Copies of Testimonials
as to character, and Certificates of health
and age, to be sent to the COLONIAL SECRETARY,
not later than Monday, the 2nd
February, at Noon.

By Command,

F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1891. 170

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the Hongkong Jockey Club, held on TUESDAY, 27th January, 1891, at the CITY HALL, the following Special Resolution was submitted to the Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and duly passed.

If the Stewards or any ten Members
(with the concurrence of the Stewards),

shall certify the same in writing, shall be of opinion that the conduct of any member, either within or outside of the Club premises, and either in matters connected

with racing or otherwise, has been injurious to the character, interests, welfare, good
order, or credit of the Club, the Stewards

shall request such member to resign, and if the member so requested shall not resign
within one month after such request, the Stewards shall convene, or call, Extra-

ordinary General Meetings of the Club for the purpose of expelling the said member.

Such Extraordinary General Meetings shall be convened, and shall be held, and the

resolutions thereon shall be passed, confirmed, and circulated, in the manner pre-

scribed by rules 31 and 32 of the Club.

By Order,

F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1891. 170

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held in the CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, at Twelve
o'clock (noon), on SATURDAY, the 7th
February next, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, with Statement
of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 27th January to 7th
February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1891. 2068

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Undersigned is prepared to PURCHASE FRACTIONAL CERTIFICATES at Current Market Rates. Persons holding shares are requested to apply at the Company's OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central.

By Order of the Stewards of the Hong-

kong Jockey Club,

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, January 27, 1891. 183

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

STAINFIELD'S—1, Queen's Road East. A few doors below H. M. Dockyard. PRIVATE BOARD and RE-

SIDENCE Terms moderate.

MR. STAINFIELD.

Hongkong, January 6, 1891. 42

HONGKONG.

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F. DE BOVIS,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 363

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF

FELT HATS

(WEIGHT 4 OZ.)

WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS.

HOSIERY AND OUTFITTING.

NEW SCARFS AND CRAVATS.

MORNING and EVENING GLOVES.

Intimations.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD.

CHAMPAGNES—Best Brands.
CIGARETTES—Oldest Vintages.
SHERRIES, PORTS, BURGUNDIES,
HOCKS and WHITE WINES.
Specially Selected BRANDIES and GINS.
SCOTCH WHISKIES—BULLOCH, QUADDE
& CO's.

IRISH and AMERICAN WHISKIES.
LIQUEURS and BITTERS.
Bottled ALES and STOUTS.
APOLLINARIS—RUISBACH and BELL.
THAL MINERAL WATERS.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 210

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAM-OA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS, if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary,

Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1456

THE HONGKONG
LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 1,260,000

Board of Directors:

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Vice-Chairman, Director.

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Bankers:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED on MORTGAGE,
on LAND or BUILDINGS;
PROPERTIES
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estate managed, and all kinds of Agency
and Commission Business relating
to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Queen's Road
Central.

A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1891. 844

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
INSTRUMENTS.

VONGLANDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
RITCHIE LOWE'S MARINE COMPASSES,
ADMIRALITY & INDIA CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

D I A M O N D S

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owner will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALMAZ, British barque, Capt. Munro.—
Weller & Co.

ANTONIO, British steamer, Captain F.
Marshall.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

B. P. CHERRY, American ship, Capt. C.
E. Humphreys.—Russell & Co.

DOMOTHY, British barque, Captain A.
Croal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

JOHN BAILEY, American barquentine,
Captain F. P. Shepherd.—Master.

LANDSKRONA, British barque, Capt. Jas.
W. Boyd.—Jacobs, Mathews & Co.

LUCY A. NICKELS, American ship, Capt.
C. M. Nichols.—Calloway & Co.

OMEGA, British barque, Captain A. V.
Brown.—Gomelov & Co.

STERLING, American ship, Geo. W. Good-
win.—Russell & Co.

VILLAGY, American ship, Captain F. C.
Bailey.—Order.

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.
(Taking cargo & passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Yuenyang,
Captain SLESSAR, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 2nd February, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 211

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship
Pembroke, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th February, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 213

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Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 278

To-day's Advertisements.

THE 'GONDOLIERS'
THIS EVENING.

Doors open 8.30 p.m. Performance 9
p.m. precisely.

The audience are urgently requested to
be in their Seats at 9 p.m. punctually.

R. LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 210

HONGKONG CHORAL
SOCIETY.

THE GONDOLIERS.

The Society will give
FIVE PERFORMANCES
OF THIS OPERA

on the following dates, commencing
EACH EVENING, at 9 p.m. precisely,
THIS EVENING, 31st January.

MONDAY, 2nd February.

SATURDAY, 7th February.

MONDAY, 9th February.

SATURDAY, 14th February.

Tickets to the First Performance \$3 each;
to the other Four \$2 each.

Season Tickets for all Five Performances
\$9 each.

Tickets for any of the Five Performances
can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., on and after Monday, 26th Inst.,
at 11 o'clock a.m.

N.B.—Books of the Words of the Opera may
be had of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., Price, 90 Cents.

SPECIAL TRAM-CARS will run as
follows:—

Down Up
Saturday, 31st Jan. 8.30 (15 min. after
do. 7th Feb.) & performance
do. 14th do. 8.45 (of Gondoliers)

ROBERT LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 196

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That nevertheless, though it would be graceful to let the dead sleep in peace, the loss should be a warning to the living.

That in spite of the strange action of the Hongkong Government, those *Nomad cutthroats* are being gradually gathered in.

That it sounds like reflection upon our own authorities to read that Messrs Douglas Laprade & Co's Comprador, in concert with the Chinese officials, have done most of the work; yet notwithstanding all the machinations we are supposed to possess, for the detection of crime.

That in this no reflection intended to be cast on our local Police Force, as it is well known how they are hampered by red tape.

That our people seem to take so long to make up their minds upon any course necessary to pursue that the opportunity flies.

That the Fraya Reclamant makes little apparent progress, though it still moves; but I fear few of us will see the next born in hand.

That speaking of land suggests the Land Investment Company, and the remarks made by a shareholder at a meeting. That the new form of argument, or rather substitute for argument, resorted to by the Vice-Chairman, and neither disavowed nor even alluded to by that gentleman, is not calculated either to inspire the shareholders to allay the irritation of shareholders.

That the assumption of the services of Mr Chater being indispensable may be right, but intelligent men look for fair argument upon the basis of reason and equity in all cases bearing upon their own interests.

That, in spite of your editorial remarks a game of bluff always means a weak hand.

That the shareholders in this Land Investment concern look to the Chairman for the just and reasonable discussion of all questions that may arise, and they will not look in vain.

That a rumour was sent round the other day that the Reclamant was soon to sweep away existing wharves. That temporary wharves and landing stages must, of course, be supplied, but the traffic on Podder's Wharf is already becoming too much for that large landing place, and the temporary structure ought to be made larger, not smaller than the present wharf.

That a portion of the report made by the Sanitary Surveyor upon the work of the year shows that the reformation of our drainage system is in progress.

That Mr Cooper complains bitterly of the debt and inconveniences caused by his bad and incomplete work, and abhors himself to be an accept at finding fault, as he ought to be.

That people not unfrequently wish thus a small test applied to Mr Cooper and other officials of the impracticable order, and an annual report upon officially-caused inconvenience and delays would prove interesting.

That the Stockbrokers seem to have taken alarm over the possibility or probability of a revival of Mr Kewick's bill against short sales in shares.

That the purchase of shares on time should not be confused with the selling of shares one does not possess which is aimed at by Mr Kewick's bill.

That selling short is the action of a 'Bair', and, apart from any question of morality, may be practised by those who have no interest whatever in the stock they thus seek to lower.

That it may not be true that time should never be given for giving an education to those under her protection; but hence before we had occupied this colony a year, the foundation of our educational system was laid. In November 1842 a school under the supervision of Dr Morrison was transferred from Macao to this colony. He started the school, I believe, with eleven scholars. From that day to the present education has greatly advanced, having made after the Midsummer Vacation to allow now boys to enter, and as there very many boys had only six months to get up their work in, I consider the results on the whole satisfactory. To particularise: the work done in Classes I.A., II.B., III.A., and the Preparatory School in general deserves mention; while that of I.B. and III.B. is far below the average.

That the boy who has lost during the past year, 3 have entered the Colonial Service, 11 the Chinese Imperial Customs' Service, 38 have obtained employment in the various firms and private offices in the colony, and 23 have gone, under foreign employer, to the Coas Ports

A good many boys have left school without attaining any result, but from what I can gather the 100 children now here are unable to pay the fees, and change of residence, unless a boy is leaving to go into some office for which he requires a certificate it is a very difficult matter to get from the Chinese the actual cause of a boy's leaving.

In conclusion I must take up the strain of Mr Wright's last year's report and express the gratitude of the masters and the boys to all who have so generously given extra days were granted by His Excellency the Administrator of Macao Tung Ming.

The Administrators of Macao Tung Ming

and the Preparatory School in general deserve mention; while that of I.B. and III.B. is far below the average.

That the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of Prizes at Victoria College took place to-day. His Excellency the Governor was to have presided, but he was prevented by indisposition from attending, and his place was taken by Mr. E. Fleming, O. M. G., who was accompanied on the platform by Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Dr. E. J. Etel, H. M. Inspector of Schools, and Mr. A. J. May, Acting Head Master of the college. The body of the college hall was filled by the boys and a number of friends occupied seats in the gallery.

Mr May said—Mr Fleming, ladies and gentlemen, before reading my report I have a few remarks to make. I am sure you will all regret with me that his Excellency the Governor is unable, through indisposition, to attend here this morning, to preside at our annual prize distribution. His Excellency has always shown a great interest in education, and the best reason I feel sure that he, too, will very much regret his inability to be present at this ceremony, connected as it is with a subject in which, as I have already said, he is deeply interested. I am sure, too, that he will join with me in the wish that his Excellency may soon be restored to health and that his health for the future may be such as to enable him to remain in full power of this Colony. We have just celebrated the Jubilee of this Colony, and although celebration on a Western basis cannot be said to have its till next year, yet I think I may be allowed to say a few words on that subject now. No very elaborate statistics are required to show to what extent commerce has advanced in this colony. A mere glance around us, even by this building, the prosperity which has attended this colony since 1841 must be apparent to all. The returns that point to the advancement of commerce are studied with great interest, but I fear that the majority of people are apt to overlook, if not altogether disregard, the advancement of education. Fortunately, however, there are constant changes in the Normal Class which make good results for examination an impossibility; and further, as Mr Jones has had charge of the school of education, this class has pointed out to me, these changes make the teaching a thankless task.

With reference to the pupil teachers, two of the three have, since June, been appointed as Chinese Assistant Masters and so have not been able to attend any class of instruction—say that on School management—yet one of them, Loung Lan-fan, has passed the Oxford Local and obtained the title of Associate in Arts. As the Masters are not noticed they are frequently leaving for more lucrative employment, and thus there are constant changes in the Normal Class which make good results for examination an impossibility; and further, as Mr Jones has had charge of the school of education, this class has pointed out to me, these changes make the teaching a thankless task.

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by the ains old wedding ring.
Once thick and heavy. How fast they fly,
the winter that melts in spring!
And youth goes with them; so love, sweet-
heart, is the only lasting thing!

We two, sir, what did we know of love
when roses at you were red?
When you wove sweet tears at a song, or
sobbed at some thoughtless word I said,
And blushed if I only pressed your hand
or a kiss on your fair brown head.

Our hearts were light as bright bubbles blown.
Like children in fairy land
We wandered down where the daisies grow
to that wonderful golden strand.
Where all the dreams of the heart come
true, and loves walk hand in hand.

Since then, since then, O, the long, long road,
we have wandered through calm and storm,

When leaves flew by us and snowflakes whirled
and we watched the swallows form

In winged clouds, sweeping down the sky
to lands where the sun was warm.

There was always brightness for you and me,
and over the tears we wept
For life's sore losses and hurting pain a rainbow of hope still crept.
And deep in your sweet, tear-clouded eyes
my sunshine forever slept!

Look at me dear, your true kind eyes
burning under your soft white hair.
They are the most beautiful eyes, then
when morning and youth were fair;
And far more lovely your pale, worn cheeks
than when blushes were burning there.

I talk like a lover! Of course I do. What
else should I talk like, pray?

For a man is never a lover true to the girl
of his heart, I say,

Till he's lived to see his husband forty years
and seen her grow old and gray.

Judges.

THE CLIMATE OF HONGKONG.

A paper by Mr. William Dobrock, Ph.D., was read at the meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society on the 17th inst.

The paper stated:—

In summer the dampness of the air is excessive; and Europeans suffer much from prickly heat produced in consequence of the heat and dampness. The natives are also much subject to diseases of the skin, especially the different varieties of Tinea. Malaria fevers and diarrhoeas are the worst hot weather diseases, the former chiefly of an intermittent type in summer. To live in a healthy temperature is the best way to combat these diseases, although much temper than below, and frequently saturated with moisture in the atmosphere.

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I could scarcely crawl about the house, she said. I was so weak. I tried different remedies and medicines without avail. I went to the Dispensary at No. 1 Brigata and asked the doctor to tell me the cause. His answer was, "I have mixed your medicine; you can take it or leave it." I took it for three weeks, then gave up in despair.

I called two other physicians. The last one said, "You are not human aid."

My heart sank within me, for I had five little children, and my death would leave them without a mother's love and care. I went home and cried till I was sick. I had no appetite and had lost flesh till I was thin as a ghost! My mother came to see me and did not know me. My skin was of a green and yellow color, and when I ate anything it seemed to stick in my throat. About this time I commenced vomiting, and what I threw up was tinged with blood. Once I began to vomit at nine o'clock on a Saturday morning and scarcely got rest for until Monday morning.

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Mrs. Wilson.

Street, and got a bottle. A few doses stopped the vomiting, and by degrees from day to day I felt better. Soon I could eat a dry crust, and by the time I had finished the second bottle I had got over all my bad symptoms, and was fast getting my strength back. I am now (April, 1890), in better health than ever before in my life.

I should have taken Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup sooner, but my husband was out of work and we had only a trifling coming in from his club, but I thank God I did get it at last, and it cured me, had off as was. All my friends and neighbours know the facts I have related, and I will reply to any letters of enquiry. (Signed), Mrs. Ann Mills, 40, Bread Street, York Road, Leeds.

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